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## **COUNTY OFFERS RABIES SHOTS, MICROCHIPPING, DOG LICENSES** *Animal Services Provide Protection and Peace of Mind*

The County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and microchips in Poway and San Diego in May.

The services will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Poway Dog Park at 13094 Civic Center Drive and from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 15 at the Kroc-Copley Animal Shelter at 5480 Gaines Street in San Diego.

With proof of a dog license, the Department will also be microchipping dogs for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes the registration of the microchip. Moreover, owners who have never licensed their dogs or have allowed their licenses to lapse will be offered amnesty from any late fees. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years.

Cats can also get microchips, but there is no requirement for them to be licensed.

"Having your pets vaccinated provides protection, microchipping provides peace of mind," said Dawn Danielson, Director of the Department of Animal Services. "A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. The Department scans all incoming stray animals for the presence of a microchip. Staff is then able to locate the owner's information through the number on the microchip.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5.

For more information, you may contact the Department at (619) 236-4250 or visit its Web site at [www.sddac.com](http://www.sddac.com). For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier.

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